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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. MEMBERS OF STAFFDEL HOLT-CZARNECKI DEPARTED CHINA ON AUGUST 10 AFTER A 16-DAY TRIP TO PEKING (7/26/29), HSINHSIANG, HONAN (7/30/31), CHENGCHOW (A 3-HOUR STOPOVER ON 7/31), YANGCHOW (8/1-2), NANKING (8/2-3), WUHSI (8/3-5), AND SHANGHAI (8/5-10). (NOTE: THIS CORRECTS ITINERARY GIVEN IN REFTTEL.) THE DELEGATION'S SOLE FORMAL POLITICAL DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN PEKING. THE PROVINCIAL PORTION OF THE TRIP WAS DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICAL DATA. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. LIKE OTHER DELEGATIONS IN PEKING WHEN THE JULY 28 EARTHQUAKE STRUCK, THE HOLT-CZARNECKI GROUP WAS HUSTLED OUT TO THE PROVINCES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE DELEGATION HAD INITIALLY PLANNED IN PEKING TO DISCUSS PRC FOREIGN POLICY, FOREIGN TRADE, DEFENSE, AND AGRICULTURE FROM THE NATIONAL POLICYMAKING PERSPECTIVE--THEN PURSUE THE SAME THEMES AT THE SUBNATIONAL LEVEL. THE DELEGATION'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN PEKING WAS HELD ON JULY 28 WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG. A FIRM
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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY WAS CANCELLED OWING TO THE EARTHQUAKE. IN THE PROVINCES, THE DELEGATION WAS HOSTED BY REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE STAFFERS RESPONSIBLE EXCLUSIVELY FOR RECEPTION OF FOREIGNERS. THE RANKING PROVINCIAL OFFICIAL MET BY THE GROUP WAS SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER WANG CHENG-LUNG, AND THAT SESSION WAS A BRIEF, NONSUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION PRIOR TO A WELCOMING BANQUET.

3. SINCE THE DELEGATION SPENT THE BULK OF ITS TIME VISITING FACTORIES, COMMUNES, HEALTH FACILITIES, AND HOUSING UNITS, ITS QUESTIONS WERE BY NECESSITY FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC RATHER THAN POLITICAL MATTERS. SYSTEMATIC INTERROGATION ON COMMUNE FINANCING AND URBAN AND RURAL WAGE SCALES DEVELOPED SOME HARD STATISTICAL DATA, ALBEIT OF A MICRO-COSMIC SORT. (THIS INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPARATE AIRGRAMS.)

4. THE RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL HANDLING OF THIS GROUP (COMPARED WITH, FOR EXAMPLE, THE WORLD AFFAIRS DELEGATION LAST OCTOBER), PRESUMABLY STEMMED FROM SEVERAL FACTORS:

(A) IN PRC PROTOCOL TERMS CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS--EVEN ONES AS SENIOR AND INFLUENTIAL AS THESE--DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY RATE HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT.

(B) THE CHINESE PROBABLY DO NOT FULLY APPRECIATE THE POLICY-MAKING CLOUT OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS. THROUGHOUT THE TRIP THE CHINESE HOSTS SEEMED PERPLEXED BY THE DIVERSITY OF THE GROUP AND THE PROPENSITY OF ITS MEMBERS TO PURSUE TENACIOUSLY THEIR DISPARATE PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS. HOST ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS EVEN ASKED DELEGATION MEMBERS POINT-BLANK ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS LATE IN THE TRIP WHAT THE DELEGATION'S "REAL PURPOSE" WAS.

(C) THE EARTHQUAKE DOUBTLESS DIVERTED THE ATTENTION OF MORE SENIOR OFFICIALS, OBLIGED BOTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RELIEF EFFORT AND TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NUMEROUS FOREIGN GROUPS UNEXPECTEDLY BROUGHT INTO THEIR BAILIWICKS.
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5. THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CPIFA) HOSTS PUMPED MOST OR ALL OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION ON: THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS AND THE SPECIFIC ROLE OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS (THE CHINESE WERE CLEARLY STUNNED TO LEARN THAT THERE ARE SOME 15,000-20,000 STAFF MEMBERS); THE PROSPECTS, OUTLOOK, AND LIKELY FOREIGN POLICY OF DEMOCRATIC PRESI-

DENTIAL NOMINEE CARTER; THE PERSONALITIES AND POLICY VIEWS OF VARIOUS US SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, ESPECIALLY THOSE SLATED TO VISIT CHINA; THE MOOD OF THE AMERICYK PEOPLE REGARDING US-PRC NORMALIZATION; UDD (TO PROFESSOR LIEBERTHAL, LATELY A RAND CONSULTANT) THE NATURE OF RAND, ITS CURRENT CONTRACTS AND WORK IN PROGRESS, ITS INTERNAL ORGANIZATION, AND ITS TIES IF ANY TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES BESIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

6. THE ISSUE OF OUTSIDE SCHOLARS ATTACHED TO DELEGATIONS (IN THIS INSTANCE PROFESSOR LIEBERTHAL) DID NOT ARISE SO FAR AS WE KNOW. TO THE CONTRARY, THE RANKING CPIFA OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP, MADAME KANG TAI-SHA, ASKED LIEBERTHAL WHY HE HAD BEEN SO QUIET AND SUGGESTED A PRIVATE CONVERSATION CONCERNING HIS IMPRESSIONS. LIEBERTHAL, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED IN ADVANCE ON THE POSSIBLE CHINESE SENSITIVITY TO HIS PARTICIPATION, GLEANED FROM SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS THE NOTION THAT CHINESE OBJECTIONS TO OUTSIDE "RESOURCE" SCHOLARS STEM FROM THE CHINESE BELIEF THAT SUCH SCHOLARS PERFORM A "NEGATIVE" ROLE--TO COUNTER THE GLOWING IMPRESSIONS THAT THE CHINESE STRIVE TO IMPLANT WITH EACH DELEGATION.

7. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DELEGATION'S VISIT:

(A) PEKING (7/26/29)
--PEKING UNIVERSITY
--FUSUICHING STREET COMMITTEE
--MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG
--BRIEFING AT USLO

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(B) HSINHSIANG, HONAN (7/30-31).
--CHILYING COMMUNE, LIUCHUANG PRODUCTION BRIGADE
--HUI-HSIEN (A MODEL AGRICULTURAL COUNTY)

(C) YANGCHOW, KIANGSU (8/1-2)
--KIANGTU WATER CONSERVANCY ENGINEERING PROJECT
--HANCHIANG COUNTY, HSICHIAO BOAT LOCKS
--YANGCHOW LACQUERWARE STUDIO
--YANGCHOW JADE FACTORY

(D) NANKING, KIANGSU (8/2-3)
--NANKING RADIO FACTORY
--PLA 179TH INFANTRY DIVISION

(E) WUHSI, KIANGSU (8/3-5)

--HO-LE COMMUNE
--WUHSI CLAY FIGURINE FACTORY
--WUHSI NO. 2 SILK FILATION PLANT

(F) SHANGHAI (8/5-10)

--SSU-PING NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA
--SHANGHAI FIRST DEPARTMENT STORE
--SDYANGHAI INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION
--MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL REVOLU-
TIONARY COMMITTEE PLANNING AND STATISTICS GROUP
--MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL SUPREME
COURT
--SHANGHAI TOOL FACTORY
--CHIATING HSIEN (BRIEFING BY HSIEN REVOLUTIONARY
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